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Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES

1 Samuel 16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king....[6] When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD [7] But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

[8] Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." [9] Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." [10] Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." [11] So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

[12] So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." [13] So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David."

Other passages: 1 Corinthians 1:26-28, 1 Samuel 17

Connect: Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:
Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1) Aaron opened with the idea of looking but not really seeing (the "husband eyes" in the fridge). Where in your own life do you tend to look right past what's in front of you, whether in people, in situations, or in what God is doing?
2) Samuel assumed Eliab was the one, and Jesse didn't think to include David at all. Who in your life (children, family, coworkers, people in our church) might you be overlooking? What would it look like to ask God to help you see them the way He does?
3) David's confidence wasn't in his sling or his past victories, but in God's character (17:37, 45-47). What do you know to be true about God that you can hold onto when circumstances feel overwhelming? Share a time when remembering who God is changed how you faced something difficult.
4) David's heart was formed long before the battlefield, in the quiet, unseen work of tending sheep. What "unseen" places in your life (routines, solitude, ordinary responsibilities) might God be using to shape your character right now?
5) This series asks "Who are you listening to?" and this sermon adds "What are you looking at?" Think about your typical week. What are the main things shaping your attention (screens, news, social media, work, worries)? How do those inputs shape your heart?

Clarify:
Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:
Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.